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Serial No. : 09/869,101

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REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 24, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of December 24, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,420,409. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) and 1.321(b) and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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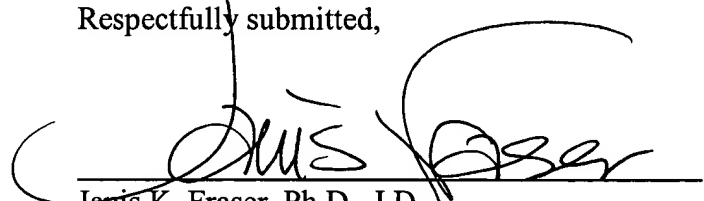
Applicants submit that claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed are a \$950 check for the Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time fee and a \$110 check for the Terminal Disclaimer fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket Number 14878-082001.

Respectfully submitted,

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